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Sir,

I have the honour to write to you in reference to the submission of 11 May by the United Kingdom to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf with regard to the outer limit of the continental shelf generated by the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands.

The Argentine Republic categorically rejects the British submission and expressly requests that the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf neither consider nor qualify it.

The Argentine Republic rejects the United Kingdom's attempts to propose an outer limit to the continental shelf generated by the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, over which the Argentine Republic has complete sovereignty.

The Argentine Republic categorically denies that there is any maritime delimitation between States, either established or pending, in the area of the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands. It therefore rejects each and every one of the limits that the United Kingdom attempted to trace or insinuated in its submission of 11 May to the Commission and in the accompanying maps and charts.

The Argentine Republic recalls, as it indicated in its submission to the Commission on 21 April 2009, that the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the national territory of the Argentine Republic and that, being illegally occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are the subject of a sovereignty dispute between the two countries, which has repeatedly been recognized in declarations by the United Nations and other international forums and organizations.

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